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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: TUNODA, Hiroshi

Group Art Unit: 2612

Serial No.: 09/406,798

Examiner: Justin P. Misleh

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For: METHOD FOR RECORDING IMAGE AND IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 18, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 2, 2004**, extended to **June 2, 2004** by a **second** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.